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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Michael Austin
Application No.: 09/966686
Filed: October 1, 2001
For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTRACTING,
LOADING OR CRIMPING SELF-EXPANDING AND
BALLOON EXPANDABLE STENT DEVICES
Examiner: Marc Quemuel Jimenez
Group Art Unit: 3726

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No: S63.2N-10142-US

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioners, **SciMed Life Systems, Inc.**, hereby request a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 02, 2002. This petition is accompanied by \$110.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and is filed prior to or with the response.

Any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,
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